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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

**[USCG-2011-0975]**

**National Maritime Security Advisory Committee; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Partially Closed Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

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**SUMMARY:** The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) will meet on May 15-16, 2012 in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to discuss various issues relating to national maritime security. The meeting will be partially closed to the public.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet in a closed session on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and in open session on Tuesday May 15, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This meeting may close early if all business is finished.

All written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee will meet in closed session at National Maritime Intelligence Center and in open session

at the American Bureau of Shipping, 1400 Key Blvd, Suite 800, Arlington, Virginia 22209. Seating is very limited; members of the public wishing to attend the open sessions should register with Mr. Ryan Owens, Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO) of NMSAC, telephone 202-372-1108 or [ryan.f.owens@uscg.mil](mailto:ryan.f.owens@uscg.mil) no later than May 9, 2012.

Additionally, the open sessions of this meeting will be broadcasted via a web enabled interactive online format and teleconference.

To participate via teleconference, dial 866-717-0091; the pass code to join is 3038389#. Additionally, if you would like to participate in this meeting via the online web format, please log onto <https://connect.hsin.gov/r11254182> and follow the online instructions to register for this meeting.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the "Agenda" section below. You may submit written comments no later than May 9, 2012 and

identified by docket number [USCG-2011-0975] by using one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:  
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. We encourage use of electronic submissions because security screening may delay delivery of mail.
- Fax: (202) 493-2251
- Hand Delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.
- Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and docket number [USCG-2011-0975]. All submissions received will be posted without alteration at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)., including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316)

- Docket: Any background information or presentations available prior to the meeting will be published in the docket. For access to the docket to read background documents or submissions received by the NMSAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and use "USCG-2011-0975" as your search term.

Public comment period will be held during the open portion of the meetings on May 15, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and May 16, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 5 minutes. Please note that the public comment period will end following the last call for comments. Contact the person listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section below to register as a speaker.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ryan Owens, ADFO of NMSAC, 2100 2nd Street SW, Stop 7581, Washington, DC 20593-7581; telephone 202-372-1108 or email [ryan.f.owens@uscg.mil](mailto:ryan.f.owens@uscg.mil). If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). NMSAC operates under the authority of 46

U.S.C. 70112. NMSAC provides advice, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on matters relating to national maritime security.

### Agenda of Meeting

#### Day 1

The agenda for the Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) Classified Security Briefing for NMSAC members only. Closed to the public.

Basis for Closure. In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, it has been determined that this portion of the meeting requires closure as the disclosure of the information would not be in the public interest. There will be briefings from personnel from Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center regarding current domestic and international security threats to maritime commerce. Under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), this information is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12968 to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or foreign policy. Accordingly, this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

- (2) Global Supply Chain Security Initiative. Per the *SAFE Port Act* (P.L. 109-347) the Coast Guard consults with the NMSAC on the Global Supply Chain Security Initiative. The Committee will receive an update and provide further guidance/recommendations on this initiative.
- (3) Transport Canada/USCG Regulatory Harmonization. The Committee will receive an update from Transport Canada and the USCG on efforts to harmonize Security Regulations across the Northern Border. The Committee will then provide recommendations on these efforts.
- (4) Detain On-Board Requirements. NMSAC will receive an update from the chair of the NMSAC working group and vote on recommendations concerning Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) field guidance pertaining to requirements for vessels to post or contract for guards while in US ports.
- (5) Port Security Grant Program and Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Readers. The NMSAC will receive an update and provide guidance on efforts to accommodate TWIC readers into the Port Grant Program as a result of the

Completion of the TWIC Reader Pilot.

- (6) Public Comment Period. NMSAC will hear any other matters raised by the public. Please note that the public will have an opportunity to comment throughout the day on each topic as it is discussed.

Day 2

- (7) Maritime Domain Awareness and Information Sharing. The Committee will hold a follow up discussion from its last meeting to discuss the results of the Committee's efforts to poll the maritime industry on what gaps still remain in information sharing between the industry and the Federal Government with a panel of DHS Information Sharing Executives.
- (8) Public comment period. NMSAC will hear any other matters raised by the public. Please note that the public will have an opportunity to comment throughout the day on each topic as it is discussed.

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